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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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27 February 1958

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
Room 1121, Temporary M Building  
26th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

21 February 1958

PRESENT

25X1A Dr. Otto E. Guthe, CIA, Chairman

[REDACTED] CIA, Vice Chairman

\*Dr. Wilhelm Anderson, Department of Agriculture

25X1A9a Commander Charles B. Brouillette, Department of the Navy

\*Mr. Frank M. Charrette, International Cooperation Administration

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Mr. Bennett V. S. Davis, Department of the Navy

Mr. John W. Easton, Joint Staff (JCS)

\*Mr. Jerome Forrest, International Cooperation Administration

\*Mr. Charles E. Grim, Department of Commerce

25X1A9a Mr. Kingsley W. Hamilton, Department of the Air Force

Mr. J. Duncan Holmes, Department of the Army

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\*Mr. Ernest Rubin, Department of Commerce

Mr. Robert P. Terrill, Department of State

\*Mr. Edward R. Van Sant, Office of the Secretary of Defense

25X1A9a \*Mrs. Doris S. Whitnack, Department of State

\*Mr. Wendell W. Woodbury, Department of State

[REDACTED] EIC Executive Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of the EIC meeting of 30 January 1958 were approved.

\* Present during part of meeting only.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN:

2. The Chairman indicated that the draft report being prepared by CIA/ODR on the Soviet civil defense and shelter program for use by the DCI in making his report on this subject to the NSC (see Items 5 and 6, EIC-M-66) would not be available as early as originally anticipated. The draft will be distributed to the EIC members for comment and concurrence as soon as it is available, hopefully by the afternoon of 28 February. The paper is to be ready in final draft by 10 March for transmittal to the DCI.

EIC-R14-S4, "SINO-SOVIET BLOC ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS, 1 JULY - 31 DECEMBER 1957"

3. Discussion: The EIC Representative of the International Cooperation Administration indicated that he considered EIC-R14-S4 a fine report and that the Working Group should be commended for its production. He indicated that he wanted to discuss three matters relating to future reports in this series.

a. He recommended that in future reports the tabular material show the breakdown between economic and military aid.

b. He recommended that in future reports the trends in the Bloc aid programs be shown wherever feasible.

c. He indicated the urgent need in ICA, State, and other agencies for unclassified material on the subject of this report. He recommended that some procedure be developed to provide this information on an unclassified basis in the future. He proposed that a small group meet and make recommendations to the EIC or higher authority as to what kinds of information could be provided on an unclassified basis.

4. Action: After some discussion of the problems involved in providing unclassified material on the subject matter of the R14 reports, it was agreed that the most feasible way to proceed was for the interested agencies to indicate specific needs for unclassified information and for the producing agencies to attempt within their available capabilities to provide this information on an unclassified basis.

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5. Discussion: The Working Group-approved report on "Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas, 1 July - 31 December 1957" (EIC-RI4-S4) was considered. A number of suggested modifications were discussed and agreed. The EIC Representatives indicated that they considered EIC-RI4-S4 a very good report. [REDACTED] Chairman of the Working Group, expressed her appreciation for the cooperation and substantial assistance provided by [REDACTED] and the other members of the Secretariat in the preparation of the report. The Chairman thanked [REDACTED] for her comment, and indicated that it would be recorded.

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6. Action: The EIC approved EIC-RI4-S4, authorizing the Secretariat to incorporate the revisions which had been agreed and to make additional editorial changes as required. The Chairman, speaking for the EIC Representatives, commended the Working Group and the Secretariat for their efforts and success in making the report timely and for the excellence of the report they had produced.

CONSIDERATION OF DCID FOR ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (REPLACING DCID 15/1).

7. Discussion: Discussion of the proposed redraft of DCID 15/1 was continued from the last meeting (see Items 3 and 4, EIC-M-65. The meeting scheduled for 18 February 1958 had been postponed to this date.) The Chairman indicated that he had received a number of comments on the proposed redraft. Copies of revised language for portions of the redraft of DCID 15/1, based on the comments received, were distributed. A number of further proposed modifications were discussed. Additional comments and suggestions were invited from the EIC Representatives.

8. Action: It was agreed that a new draft of the proposed revision of DCID 15/1, incorporating the suggestions discussed at the meeting, would be distributed to the EIC members and would form the basis for further discussion at a meeting of the EIC to be held on 4 March 1958.

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